

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal device comprising:

a liquid crystal panel comprising a first substrate, a second substrate opposing the first substrate and having flexibility, and a liquid crystal layer disposed therebetween; and

an input unit arranged at a position which lies at a position overlapping the liquid crystal panel in plan view at the first substrate side;

wherein a gap is provided on a side of the second substrate away from the liquid crystal layer; and

wherein the second substrate has higher flexibility than the first substrate.

2. Cancelled.

3. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal device comprising:

a liquid crystal panel comprising a first substrate, a second substrate opposing the first substrate and having flexibility, and a sealant and a liquid crystal layer disposed therebetween;

an input unit arranged at a position which lies at a position overlapping the liquid crystal panel in plan view at the first substrate side; and

a supporting ~~framesection~~ arranged at a position away from the liquid crystal layer of the second substrate, the supporting frame supporting a periphery of the second substrate;

wherein the supporting ~~section~~frame includes an opening ~~is~~ arranged at a position corresponding to an interior ~~region of the second substrate~~for forming the sealant.

4. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal device according to claim 3, wherein the second substrate has higher flexibility than the first substrate.

5. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal device comprising:
a liquid crystal panel comprising a first substrate, a second substrate opposing the first substrate and having flexibility, and a liquid crystal layer disposed therebetween;

an input unit arranged at a position which lies at a position overlapping the liquid crystal panel in plan view at the first substrate side; and

an illumination device arranged at a position away from the input unit of the liquid crystal panel;

wherein the illumination device includes:

a base portion opposite the liquid crystal panel; and
a supporting portion extending from the base portion and supporting at least part of a periphery of the second substrate, the supporting portion forming a gap is provided between the second substrate and the base portion of the illumination device.

6. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal device according to claim 5, wherein the base portion and the supporting portion are integral~~the illumination device comprises a light guide plate facing the second substrate with a gap therebetween.~~

7. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal device according to claim 5~~6~~, wherein the base portion and the supporting portion are discrete~~the light guide plate comprises a supporting section.~~

8. (Original) A liquid crystal device according to claim 5, wherein the second substrate has higher flexibility than the first substrate.

9. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal device comprising:
a liquid crystal panel comprising a first substrate, a second substrate opposing the first substrate and having flexibility, and a sealant and a liquid crystal layer disposed therebetween;
an input unit arranged at a position which lies at a position overlapping the liquid crystal panel in plan view at the first substrate side;
an illumination device arranged at a position away from the input unit of the liquid crystal panel; and
a supporting section arranged between the illumination device and the second substrate;
wherein the supporting section is arranged at a position corresponding to a region for forming the sealant; and
wherein the second substrate has higher flexibility than the first substrate.

10. Cancelled.

11. (Withdrawn) A liquid crystal device comprising:
a liquid crystal panel comprising a first substrate, a second substrate opposing the first substrate and having flexibility, and a liquid crystal layer disposed therebetween;

an input unit arranged at a position which lies at a position overlapping the liquid crystal panel in plan view at the first substrate side; and

an illumination device arranged between the input unit and the first substrate;

wherein a gap is provided on a side of the second substrate away from the liquid crystal layer.

12. (Withdrawn) A liquid crystal device according to claim 11, wherein the illumination device comprises a light guide plate arranged between the input unit and the first substrate.

13. (Withdrawn) A liquid crystal device according to claim 12, wherein the second substrate has higher flexibility than that of a composite of the light guide plate and the first substrate.

14. (Withdrawn) A liquid crystal device according to claim 11, wherein the first substrate has flexibility.

15. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal device comprising:

a liquid crystal panel comprising a first substrate, a second substrate opposing the first substrate and having flexibility, and a liquid crystal layer disposed therebetween;

an input unit arranged at a position which lies at a position overlapping the liquid crystal panel in plan view at the first substrate side; and

a casing ~~for~~ supporting the input unit and the liquid crystal panel;

wherein a frame section of the casing supports the second substrate ~~is supported by the casing and with~~ a gap is ~~provided~~ on a side of the second substrate away from the liquid crystal layer.

16. (Original) A liquid crystal device according to claim 15, wherein the liquid crystal panel comprises a sealant for enclosing the liquid crystal layer provided between the first substrate and the second substrate, and the casing supports the second substrate at a position corresponding to a region for forming the sealant.

17. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal device according to claim ~~15~~¹⁶, wherein the casing comprises a supporting frame section is located between the second substrate and an illumination device to form~~which extends along the region for forming the sealant so as to surround the gap.~~

18. (Original) A liquid crystal device according to claim 15, wherein the second substrate has higher flexibility than the first substrate.

19. (Original) An electronic equipment comprising a liquid crystal device according to claim 15.

20. (New) A liquid crystal device comprising:
a liquid crystal panel including:
 a first flexible substrate;
 a second flexible substrate opposing the first flexible substrate; and
 a sealant and a liquid crystal layer disposed between the first and second flexible substrates;
an input unit overlapping the first substrate side of the liquid crystal panel in plan view; and
a support member arranged at a position away from the liquid crystal layer of the second substrate;

wherein the support member includes:

a base portion opposite the second substrate; and

a supporting portion extending from the base portion and supporting at least part of a periphery of the second substrate, the supporting portion forming a gap between the base portion and the second substrate.

21. (New) A liquid crystal device comprising:

a liquid crystal panel comprising a first substrate, a second substrate opposing the first substrate and having flexibility, and a sealant and a liquid crystal layer disposed therebetween;

an input unit arranged at a position which lies at a position overlapping the liquid crystal panel in plan view at the first substrate side; and

a supporting section arranged at a position away from the liquid crystal layer of the second substrate;

wherein the supporting section is arranged at a position corresponding to a region for forming the sealant; and

wherein the second substrate has higher flexibility than the first substrate.

22. (New) A liquid crystal device comprising:

a liquid crystal panel comprising a first substrate, a second substrate opposing the first substrate and having flexibility, and a liquid crystal layer disposed therebetween;

an input unit arranged at a position which lies at a position overlapping the liquid crystal panel in plan view at the first substrate side; and

an illumination device arranged at a position away from the input unit of the liquid crystal panel;

wherein a gap is provided between the second substrate and the illumination device; and

wherein the second substrate has higher flexibility than the first substrate.

23. (New) A liquid crystal device comprising:

a liquid crystal panel comprising a first substrate, a second substrate opposing the first substrate and having flexibility, and a liquid crystal layer disposed therebetween;

an input unit arranged at a position which lies at a position overlapping the liquid crystal panel in plan view at the first substrate side; and

a casing for supporting the input unit and the liquid crystal panel;

wherein the second substrate is supported by the casing and a gap is provided on a side of the second substrate away from the liquid crystal layer; and

wherein the second substrate has higher flexibility than the first substrate.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached "Replacement Sheets" of drawings include changes to Figures 1-13. The attached "Replacement Sheets" which includes Figures 1-13, replace the original sheets including Figures 1-13.